

Parmelee Farm Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Parmelee Farm  
May 2, 2024

Present: Lise Brule, Christine Cronin, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Scott Hawkins, Karen Milano, Peg Scofield and Guy Vecchitto

Absent: Terry Doyle, Tim Gannon, and Mike Greenaway

Scott called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The minutes were accepted as presented. Scott reported he had not received an updated treasury report, but stated that there is about \$ left in the operating budget. There was discussion.

There is nothing to report on the South Road project. Scott is waiting to get a meeting with the school superintendent, perhaps after the school year ends.

Scott reported that he had a positive meeting with the first selectman and Wayne from the town crew. He presented a list of projects that require equipment that the farm does not have to complete these projects (Refer to list from April Minutes). They have already delivered process stone over to the area of the dumpster and moved the chips from Shared Harvest Garden over to the trail head. They will be delivering more process stone to the driveway to fix the potholes soon. Scott will work with the First Selectman and Town Crew managing these projects. The committee recognizes the demand the town crew has during this time of year and will seek help from local businesses or volunteers to complete this list when possible.

Eileen reported that she has purchased the new curtains for the Pavilion. She reported that several events have been added to the calendar. The Coast Guard concert will be held again on July 21st. May and June have a few events, but September and October are quite busy. There was lengthy discussion of the events calendar. And the concerts and car cruises will happen again this year.

Linda reported that the Farmhouse work is progressing. Most of the outside work has been completed. The contractor is now working on the inside doing mold remediation and re-plastering. She also that the new barn has a leak. Country Carpenters has been contacted and they will be coming to fix the problem. Linda also reported that KHS is getting ready for the May 11 Tag and Plant Sale.

The arbor has been repaired by Terry. He has also made it easier to transport.

Lise reported that Shared Harvest has planted lettuce and is getting the garden ready for the season. The greenhouse has been reconstructed with wood.

Linda reported that the Artisan Market is fully booked and there will be 10 new vendors. The school bus will be used again this year. There was discussion of solving the problem of the extreme sun and heat for the vendors at the south side of the Pavilion. A possible solution of using triangle canvas for this was discussed. It will be researched.

There was general discussion of how to attract additional volunteers to help with the many maintenance tasks. Scott is working on verbiage to put out on social media to help recruit more volunteers to help with this. Ideas include having a few "Volunteer Days" and listing the needs

for the property on local social media sites. These would include landscaping, trail mulch placement, cleaning and painting of picnic benches, minor tree work, and power washing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin  
Secretary